MESSAGE

Sent from the Houſe of COMMONS to ROBERT Earle of WARVVICKE, Admirall of His Majeſties Navie Royall, concerning the Ships which now lye ready at the Coaſt of *Holland* laden with Ammunition, to be ſent to His Majeſty at

YORKE.

With the MESSAGE which they ſent to the Dutch Ambaſſadour, And his Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Likewiſe the Report which was made to both HOVSES, concerning 8000 men which are to be ſent from *France*, and *Spaine*, to His Majeſty to aſſiſt him againſt the High Court of Parliament, And the Parliaments Reſolution concerning the ſame.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, that this be Printed and publiſhed throughout the Kingdome.

John Browne Cler. Parl.

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A Joyfull Meſſage ſent from the Honourable Houſe of Commons, to *Robert*, Earle of *Warwicke*, Admirall of his Maieſties Navie Royall.

He manifold deſtractions of this Kingdome are great, and the diſturbances of this Iland are manifeſtly and apparently underſtood, and by ſad experience made knowne to the world, inſomuch that all Nations doe reioyce, which are Enemies to the Peace of great Brittaine, but I hope all thoſe that are Enemies to *Sion* will have their wages paid by the Di-,

vell that ſet them at worke, for their mallicious ſpleene againſt this Kingdome hath beene long intended, and now of late tis burſt out in abundance, God grant all thoſe that goe about, and ſeeke the deſtruction of this Kingdome, and of our gracious Soveraigne King Charles, may be utterly confounded, and brought to deſtruction.

What a ſad and lamentable thing it is, for the Subjects of *England* to thinke that a civill Warre ſhould begin in the Kingdome, who are now at Peace with all the Princes in the World, no intention to take up Armes, but the malignant Party ſeparating his Maieſty from his great Councell the High Court of Parliament, and creating a miſunderſtanding betweene his Maieſty and them, it is greatly to be feared that the effects will be fatall, for it is a knowne maxime, that Jealouſie is the Mother of diſention, diſention that nourithes diſtraction, and diſtraction inteſtine warre, nay a civill

civill Warre, in compariſoo of which none is more bloody, and uncivill, and the diſtractions of this Kingdome declare that we have great cauſe to feare that the ſame effects will inſue.

For intelligence hath beene given to the Houſe, of great ſtore of Armes and Ammunition, to be tranſported to *New-Caſtle*, for his Maieſties defence, likewiſe diverſe pieces of Ordnance, and many other things belonging to warre, likewiſe many Captaines are ready to be tranſported over to ſerve the King, who have taken an Oath amongſt themſelves that if they be ſet upon by the way, they will fight it out to the laſt man.

Likewiſe there was a report made to the Houſe of Commons, that there is great preparations made both in *France*, and *Spaine*, for the raiſing of an Army to be tranſported to his Majeſty, to aſiſt him againſt the Parliament, and that the Popes *Nuncio* doth goe about to raiſe Forces for the ſame deſigne.

Therfore both Houſes of Parliament, had great doubt that his Maieſty had ſome Deſigne, for the altering his religion.

Likewiſe the Popes Nuntio hath ſolicited the Kings of *France* and *Spaine*, to lend the King of *England* foure thouſand men a piece, to helpe to maintaine the Royalty of the King againſt the Parliament, but we hope God will direct his Maieſty better.

Theſe are the chiefe grounds of our Feares.

The Houſe of Commons having taken the aforeſaid reports into ſerious conſideration, gave Order that there ſhould be a ſpeedy Meſſage, ſent to to the Earle of *Warwicke*, intimating unto him the information which they had received, deſiring him to have a ſpeciall care therein, and to ſtop the paſſages of all thoſe which ſhall tranſport Armes or Ammunition, from *Rome*, *Venice*, *Parris*, and other

other neere adioyning parts, as alſo from *Holland*, there having beene of late great preparations of Inſtruments of warre, ſent over in ſeverall Letters from thence to the high Court of Parliament.

Likewiſe they received more intelligence, of certaine Ships laden with Ordnance and other Ammunition, to be ſentto his Maieſty, and that they are now upon the Sea.

Which Newes doth increaſe the ſorrow of the Parliament, conſidering the great miſery which is like to fall upon the Kingdome, whereby they are inforced (for the prevention of which) to apply themſelves to the uſe of that power which by the Fundamentall Lawes of the Land reſides in them, yet ſtill reſolving to keepe themſelves within the bounds of faithfullneſſe and allegiance, to his ſacred Maieſty.

Likewiſe the * Honorable Houſes of Parliament thought it convenient, and con-

dome, for to make further enquiry thereof wherefore they ſent a Meſſage to the *Dutch* Ambaſſador, to know of him whither there were any ſuch thing, or not, the Meſſenger which carried this Meſſage returning backe, reported to the Houſe the Anſwer that he had received from the ſaid *Dutch* Ambaſſador, intimating, unto them that he had received no ſuch intelligence from *Holland*, neither did he know of any ſuch thing.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons aſsembled in Parliament, that this Letter be forthwith Printed, and publiſhed throughout all the Kingdome.

Iohn Browne, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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